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SUBJECT: US-USSR MARITIME NEGOTIATIONS, MOSCOW, FEBRUARY 13-16

1. US AND SOVIET MARITIME REPRESENTATIVES MET IN MOSCOW FEBRUARY 13-16 TO DISCUSS SPECIAL PROJECT CARGOES IN THE BILATERAL TRADE AND THE APPLICABILITY OF THE US-SOVIET CONCERN OVER A POTENTIAL LACK OF PARTICIPATION BY US FLAG CARRIERS IN THE MOVEMENT OF UPCOMING SPECIAL PROJECT CARGOES AND EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT COMPENSATORY CARGOES WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR US FLAG VESSELS. THE US SIDE REPEATEDLY POINTED OUT THAT, REGARDLESS OF ANY POTENTIAL UNAVAILABILITY OF US FLAG TONNAGE, SOVIET OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE AGREEMENT WERE CLEAR AND HAD TO BE HONORED. ACCORDINGLY, THE US SIDE MAINTAINED THAT COMPENSATION WOULD BE REQUIRED IN THE CARRIAGES OF CARGOES IN OTHER GENERAL COMMODITY CATEGORIES. ORALLY THE SOVIET SIDE INDICATED GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF THIS VIEW.

2. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TALKS THE SOVIET SIDE PROPOSED THAT THERE BE SIGNED MINUTES. A SOVIET DRAFT OF THE LATTER, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOWEVER, REFLECTED ADDITIONAL VIEWS, EVEN MORE RESTRICTIVE IN NATURE, THAN THOSE EXPRESSED BY THE SOVIETS DURING THE TALKS. CONSEQUENTLY THE US SIDE REFUSED TO SIGN ANY DOCUMENT.

3. DISCUSSIONS WERE ALSO HELD ON A PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF THE DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES WHICH WILL BE HELD IN MOSCOW IN MAY OR JUNE THIS YEAR.

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